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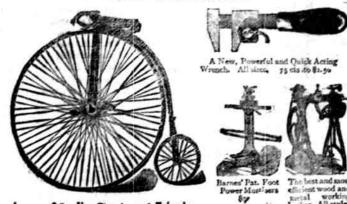
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ONE DAY AT A TIME

One day at a time! That's all it can be; No faster than that is the hardest fate, And days have their licuits, however we Begin them too early and stretch them

One day at a time!
It's a wholesome rhyme!
A good one to live by,
A day at a time.

One day at a time! Every heart that aches, Knowing only too well how long they can a But it's never today which the spirit breaks-it's the darkened future, without a gleam.

One day at a time! What joy is at height-Buch joy as the heart can never forget— And pulses are throbbing with wild delight, How hard to remember that suns must set.

One day at a time! But a single day.
Whatever its load, whatever its length;
And there's a bit of precious scripture to say.
That, according to each, shall be our strong One day at a time! This the whole of life; All sorrow, all loy are neckurred therein; The bound of our purpose, our noblest strife, The doe only countersign sure to wis:

One day at a time! A good one to live by,
A day at a time.

—Helen Hust Jackson.

#### A FAMILY PICNIC.

"Good heavens! Julia Elizabeth, never mention anything of that sort to me," and after that one ebuilition of wrath, I settled back in my chair and serenely perused the evening papers. Serenely, I say; well I appeared to be in a perfectly undisturbed state of mind, but any fair minded reader who can well understand the—well, the environment—will at once perceive that a saint couldn't stand such perceive that a saint couldn't stand such a suggestion, and I never even pretended to be one, though I know I am as good as

the average man. the average man.

It was a little rough on my wife, I'll admit, and I suppose I shall make it up to her in some way, but I'll be drawn into any kind of extravagance, take a trip to Japan, go into the wilds of Africa, do anything, before I'll ever again submit to the torturous experiences of a "family." the torturous experiences of a "family picnic," and I'm a man of spirit when I'm

You occasionally find one who is led around by his wife and her relations, but

Perhaps you do not understand, but when things are too exasperating I relieve my mind by sharing my experience with an imaginary reader, feeling sure of his sympathy.

Julia—by the way, it is only immoments
of great excitement I call her by her full

name—left the room immediately after I refused the invitation that had some from

her mother and sisters and cousins, etc., to join them in their annual ouring.

A few years ago, I remember, it was really a pleasant affair. We used to sail up the river, land on an island for dinner, sail farther up stream, go salore, wander around for a time and then return by moralight, but lead year experience was mound for a time and then return by mounlight; but last year's experience was more than mortal man can endure and in a scraphic way hear the infernal kind of affair again mentioned.

Why, we started, as they all do, with baskets and bundles, goesamers and umbrellas, wife and children piled into the coach that took us to the whole of the coach.

coach that took us to the wharf, where we emburked on the little steamer that has taken the place of the boats we used in

taken the place of the boats we used in former days.

I managed to keep the bops near me most of the time, so the voyage was comparatively uneventful, though Alph succeeded in putting his feet on one of the baskets, thereby demolishing the custard ples that occupied the top for safety (7) and Del overturned a milk can that I had carelessly placed beside the basket; but those were minor matters.

The first hour things went on pretty smoothly. A few went fishing for fish they didn't catch; the girls—I mean my wife's young sisters—with some half dozen cousins and friends, angled too, not all with the same kind of balt, however, and I noticed not for the same kind of fah, but they angled.

Now time was when I could catch a fish every time I threw a fly, and I'll leave it

to any other fellow to say if it isn't about as fascinating sport as a man ever experiences, especially when he is the suc-cessful one of the crowd. This time, however, though Mary's husband, my brother-in-law, was one of them, and cousin Helen and Jim, with Julia in the boat with them, rowed away to the shadlest nook they could find, they seemed to consider me in the light of a nurse maid, for Mother-in-law Spiller said, "Of course you'll go, Julia; get right into the boat. You've had care enough of those children, and John and I will see to them today and let you have a day of rest."

What could I do but insist upon it, too?
I did really wish the dear girl to have an analysis time. enjoyable time, but the—well, never mind what I proposed to say—I'm not a growler

like some men; I never was, but suffice it to say, Julia went, and I was glad of it, Her mother, with a few other elderly ladies, stayed to arrange the lunch, that appeared to them to be the chief attrac-Uncle Ben devoted himself to the boys for a short time, but Mother-in-law Spiller soon called him to squeeze the lemons and prepare the kindlings and wood they would need for the "fry," and sundry other things that always fall to his lot. Somebody, you know, has to be general utility man on such occasions, and Uncle Ben, fortunately for the rest, was always the one. When I was more of a youngster, I used to pity him, but since I'm a paterfamilias of several years' standing, I imagine the sly twinkle of his eye means more than I once suspected, and my sympathy turns to admiration and

"John, look sharp after the boys!" called out Mrs. Spiller. Alph was tugging at my coat sleeve, and Del had both hands in one of my pockets, but I remarked pleasantly, "I'll keep them in sight."

It wasn't long before Alph was punching Del, and Del was striking out in a forcible if not scientific way. It took considerable muscle to separate the young belligerents, but that wasn't all. Their grandmother saw the performance, and expressed her disapproval by saying in her most dignified way, "A man who cannot control his own temper is not fit to be a father," and then with lachrymal glands in working order, added, "Thank heaven,

I most ignominiously retreated—that is, I did not atter one word, I merely picked up the two urchins, and went on

an exploring tour.

I rolled on the grass and let them crawl over me. I played "leap frog" and "hot oven" with them. I bared my feet and waded out as far as the water was shal-low, earrying one on my back while I led

my hoois. My nose struck a snag or some-thing, and blood poured from it most pro-fusely. It did almost break my heart to kick at the little fellow behind, when I

kick at the little fellow behind, when I did not know how soon he might be strangling and struggling, even dying, in the treacherous stream, but I knew the boy in front was in deeper water, and must be rescued. It was an indescribable, but never to be forgotten seeme. Could the Spiller family have realized my anguish they would never again doubt my love for my offspring. Suffice it to say I rescued them and resuscitated them before any of the party were aware of the mishap.

before any of the party were aware of the mishap.

It did really frighten the boys, and while I was wringing their jackets and things they kept very still. Finally Alph said: "Del, is it paps or did he get drownded?" (Why is it children will say drownded?) It slarmed me somewhat, for I didn't know but it had affected his brain, and while I hunted around for indications of a skull fracture, or something to account for it, I pressed them both to my bosom and cried: "My dear, dear boys," in my heart thanking heaven for them, even with all their pranks.

We were only partially dry when they seemed to get over the agitation they felt at guiling at me, and clamored for something to eat.

thing to eat.
Rucing like horses, compelling me to keep up with them, we came upon the reat of the party just as the fishers were gathering around the "fry," that fortu-nately was carried on ice from the city in case of a disappointment, you know. (I've always noticed that it is the custom to

prepare for such emergencies.)
Julia, smiling into Jim Hammond's face,
looked exactly like the girl she was half a
dozen years before, and the whole company had returned in the trimmest manner | maginable.

"Hamma, mamma," cried both boys, ust as one unexpectedly caught me by the foot and the other went up my back. Nuturally, we sat down, and though my wife sprang toward us, with her "hear in her eyes," she laughed and laughed again, and peal upon peal rolled out from some twenty or more threats. After a time Mother in law Spiller broke

in upon the screams in this manner:
"Well, he hasn't murdered the children thank beaven, whatever else he's killed."
There was murder in his eye," quoted

another.

"Do you suppose he has beaten the children" tragically whispered a young man of the party.

O' course I knew it was all in fun, but it wasn't so dreadfully amusing to me.

Why, if I had been sitting on a hornet's nest, my sensations would have been quite as pleasant, I think.

as pleasant, I think.

My head ached terribly, but I was half staved, and I put away my first thought. It did seem as if they would never let a fellow alone, and laugh after laugh followed every word I said. The boys gave their version of the affair, and I gave various ones, I fear.

When Mrs. Spiller said I "ought to have tooked after them and not allowed them

When Mrs. Spiller said I "ought to have footed after them and not allowed them to get out into the water," I could not see, in the face and eyes of my own story, any way to improve matters; and so, with spikiting temples and blistered feet, I stood the abuse and ate and ate, regardless of the little scamps my wife and her sixturs were tenderly codding.

After such a meal they said they had no fear for me, unless indigestion carried me

After such a meal they said they had no fear for me, unless indigestion carried me off; so, in spite of my well laid plans to sink away in a corner and be pitied and petted, I ignored the headache and manfully carried the boys aboard the boat, followed them here and there till I saw them safely inside the carriage that took them home. I felt hilarious when I found there wasn't room for me inside or outside either, and started for a streat ear. side either, and started for a street car, regardless of the fact that my dress had lost its springtime freshness, so to speak, and entirely forgot that without the aid of the pins and needles my mother in law produced. I should have been obliged, as the other fellows said, to have confiscated a suit of clothes.

A suit of clothes.

Of course, there was the inevitable old lady and young lady, to whom, as a gentleman, I do my duty, and from whom I commonly receive very polite treatment. Though the car was crowded, I could but notice a withdrawing of skirts, even frowns, from some of the passengers, and undue familiarity from others of the rougher looking class, and I soon left the car, preferring a walk from "down town" to a ride with such a promisenous crowd. to a ride with such a promisenous crowd.

I hadn't taken three steps when some body shouted: "Hello, old fellow!

"Been on a bat?" asked another.
"The cigars, John!" cried a third. The laughter of the villains brought around a policeman, who fairly howled with the rest.

What was the matter? Well, I found out when, at a corner drug store, I faced a mirror. My nose had assumed colossal propor-tions and its hue corresponded well with the color under one eye, which to a man inexperienced in picules and the care of boys like mine might have suggested an unpleasant encounter with fists. Alas, so unpleasant encounter with firsts. Alas, so the world is judged. The wicked escape the condemnation they deserve and the good, like myself, are tried and convicted all unheard. Does anybody suppose I can endure another picnic? Not I; and as I told you before, I'm a man of spirit; but here they come—mother-in-law, the girls, contins, everybody, to make their plans, I suppose.

suppose.

Later.—If people would not take advantage of a man's love for his family it would be possible to have one's own way sometimes; but they came, a dozen strong, institing upon it that Julia wished to go "so much," and "could I have the heart to disappoint her?" and "perhaps we shall not all be here another year" in a tearful not all be here another year" in a tearful way from Mother Spiller. Julia herself looked most beseechingly at me, and I finally said: "Well, thank heaven, Katie is too young to go, and thank heaven, too, she'n a girl." (Katie is our baby.) There were dark looks among them, and I knew what they thought; but they seemed to consider the matter settled.

Oh, those boys of mine! Why, only last week they took possession of the hose and turned a stream of water through the house, and now before me are the carpener's and uphointerer's bills.

There was such a demolition of bric-abrac, too, that I am surprised to hear my wife interceding for anything that com-pels us to take Alph and Del away from

home.

I cannot understand why it is. My father is a good and quiet man. I was a good boy myself—I'm sure of it.

It may be that my grandfather, or perhaps some of Julia's ancestors, are responsible for things—yes, I'm convinced sponsible for things—yes, I'm convinced that it must be on that side of the house; in fact, on Mother Spiller's side.

I'll quiz Uncle Ben, and possibly I may be able to meet them with an overwhelm-

low, carrying one on my back while I led the other through the stream, and to cap the whole I made one misstep and went headlong into the water.

The boy on my back bounced off, and the other one tumbled down and clung to

#### WHAT THEY WEAR.

Vells now fall just below the chin and match the costume in color, or else black not with a lace edge.

In directoire sashes a new effect is ob-tained by making them of two shades of a color with four ends and a resette bow.

If a silk pettionat is worn, it must mate the gown in bue quite as strictly as the stock ings and much more so than the gloves.

A midsummer fancy that into weather makes sensible is that of wearing shoulds expes of long fur or plush with thin gowns. The loose sallor or Garthaldi blouses are

Short silk petticoats very much flounces the flounces either pinked, fringed or edge with woolen lace, are all the rage in London

Low shoes of patent leather, with ribbon that tie in a bow on the instep, are no en stylish, but must not appear outdoors excep-

at the senside. Acceleries, as tabliers, plustrons, etc., crape lisse are wrought with gold or all ead in fine close patterns, p

a straight edge.

Bolid silver belts, with scent bottle, bon bon box, hook for Ian, mirror and powds box, may be bought for \$25, while plates ones cost about half as much. Lace, tulle or net mixed with velves of

ure of millinery just now. Bathing show of chamois in moccasin pattern and bedizened with bine or red braid \$

If the calico patterned India silks are combined with plain stuffs, the underskirt must be of figured goods with drapery of the plain and waist in which both appear.

they add short green plumes as well. Polonaises approach the directoirs the when of thick material, but of thin are as cred fully in the shoulders, lapped to the letter and very much draped in the skirt.

White Henrietta cloth and white camel hair are far and away the choleest of the ceason's light wool textures, while stripe Scotch cheviots bear off the palm for use.

excellent when sport. Ribbons four to eight inches wide appear on the newest hats, and if the bows look a though they were designed by a lunstic an had been through a cyclone, the acme of elements of the same of the same

is fixed is a novelty. The exalate of cereum is said to b fficient palliative for nausea in sec

Waste silk has been shown to be the most effective non-conductive covering for stand pipes. The price is high, but the demand is very great.

A new patent candlestick keeps the candle perpendicular, no matter how the stick may be held. The main principle of the invention is a ball joint of the simplest kind at the bottom of the socket, the latter being fixed to an arm from the side of the base and exte ing to the center. The comfort and safety

A new target, which indicates the value of

of the contrivance is apparent.

been invented as an improvement over the tedious and clumsty surgical method of cutting through bones by means of saws and chisels. It is practically a circular saw revolved at very high speed by an electric motor. An ingeniously devised shield, which passes around the bone to be operated upon, protects the surrounding flesh

A lamp burner has been patented by Mr. Arthur Cautius, of Berlin, Germany. The wick tube consists of two concentric tubes with a space between them for the wick, the inner tube being shorter and the outer one longer and provided with a flange, covering the top of the wick, the burning portion of

At the Royal powder factory, of Wetteren, in Belgium, a new gunpowder is being made. They call it poudre papier, or paper powder, and it is said that a charge of 2% grammes 68 grains; gives, in a rife of small caliber, an initial velocity of 600 yards to the ball. This is equal to, if it does not best, the Lebel powder. The additional advantages are at-

The following method of expelling must quitoes from a room is given by The Scientific American: Take of gum campbor a piece about one-third the size of a hear egg and evaporate it by placing it in a tin ves-sel and holding it over a lamp, taking care that it does not ignite. The smoke will soon fill the room and expel the musquitoes, and, even though the windows should be left open all night, they will not enter the room as long as the odor remains.

A scientific school would be about the last thing one would expect to find in Siberia, but, according to Mr. Kennan, in The Century, the town of Tiumen has a well equipped school of this kind. It has a mechanical department, with a steam engine, lather and tools of all kinds, and a department of physics, with fine apparatus, including ever the Bell, Edison and Dolbear telephones and the phonograph, a very complete and well equipped chemical inhoratory, a good literary, and a department of art and mechanical drawing.

Among new fabries corded silk, with a thread of gold running through it, is one of the richest, and indescribably handsome.

Morning gowns cut low in the neck at the front fasten over a ficha of folded mull, and have cuffs of folded mull about the wrist.

good waar for growing girls, as they give room for development and hide undesirable angles.

A big circular of new Turkish toweling made gay with red braid, is at once to most serviceable and appropriate bath close

moire upon straw and forming a matrix to numberiess long stemmed flowers is the feet

match the suit are new and just gorge both for style and comfort.

Black bats are allowable with any colors costume, and are more and more trimme with green ribbon in variety, while in Part

Again the glam fabric comes to the sur-face, and we are told that it is finer and softer than silk with the laster of gens, and

Some black gowns have been made of Henriotta cloth, with lacesleeves and floures and bands of galloon, and they are, to or poor mind, a rare spoiling of things more

gance has been attained.

SCIENTIFIC SQUIBS. A child's doll in which a small phonograph

The doses are from ten to twenty grain every two or three hours.

A new material called "leatherine" is an English manufacture. It can be sold for or 6 cents per pound, is said to be as tough at leather, and is destined for packing and bag-

the last shot without the necessity of a marker, has been brought out. When the shot strikes a colored disc appears, which tells the value by its color. The target has been tried successfully at indoor practice, and it is hoped that a trial at long range will be afforded the inventor. An instrument called the estectorse has been invented as an improvement over

rated upon, protects the surround from injury. which will be on the inside instead of the top, between the flange and the top of the

tributed to it of not smearing the barrel, of producing no smoke and of causing little re-coil.

drawing.